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We've said before that the philatelic revenue accruing to a government from a new issue is usually grossly exaggerated. That the revenue from German, Italian, Japanese, etc. issues will materially affect the outcome of the war is absurd. In proportion to the cost of a war, revenue from the most profitable of stamp issues is petty and any ruler counting on stamps to finance a blitzkrieg had better have some other source of finance to fall back upon.

There are approximately 100,000 different kinds of stamps, the products of over 500 countries and possessions, and if out of that group there are some countries whose very name is distasteful, then the sensible thing to do is ignore that country's issues. There are plenty of other countries.

But let's have no talk of boycotts, bitterly worded resolutions and the like; for these sort of things are contrary to the spirit of our hobby. Let's be honest and admit that we can't criticize any one country for using its stamps for propaganda purposes, for they all do it, including our own. If we get to dabbling in world politics and morals we are losing sight of the original and present intention of this hobby: to collect the postage stamps issued by the governments of the world. Philately has not previously, except under patriotic enthusiasm which exceeded good judgment, treated stamps as enemies. In the final analysis we must realize that in the past hundred years stamps have been issued by governments presided over by all sorts of villains and rascals, by dictators as absolute and ruthless in their use of power as any assortment of such gentry now provided on any continent. If for that matter stamp trading were to be restricted to just democracies, then certain countries on this side of the Atlantic would feel the boycott.

If trend we must have, we would like to see one directed in a quite different direction. Instead of boycotting certain country's issues, increased purchases of certain others issues would be more in the spirit of the hobby. We are thinking of Finland as one instance. The little country, with the highest financial integrity of all Europe, went down to defeat not many months ago deserted by the world which had applauded but failed to materially aid its fight. Finland still issues stamps, and can use money from extra philatelic sales to feed and clothe the homeless, the sick and the wounded. One bomb, incapable of singly acting decisively in a war, costs thousands of dollars, but the same cost applied to purchases of food and medicines can be decisive. Soon the queer amharic inscription of new stamps will mark the return of a battered Ethiopian Empire to its place among the nations. Others too will resume issuance of stamps and the trickle of philatelic revenue will aid those who badly need the aid those dollars bring.

—R. R.

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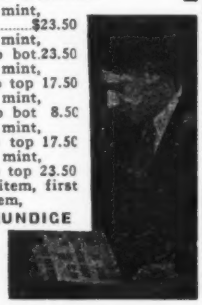

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Stamp Club Activities

Baltimore, Md.—Plans for the A. P. S. Convention are rapidly being completed. Convention headquarters will be the Lord Baltimore Hotel, newest hotel in the city. The philatelic label advertising the affair, which opens August 19, may be obtained free upon request accompanied by stamped return envelope of the Co-chairman, Perry W. Fuller, 13 W. Fayette St., Baltimore. Bourse and Souvenir program space arrangements are in charge of Sol Glass, 2301 Ken Oak Rd., Baltimore.

Bridgeton, N. J.—The Bridgeton Stamp Club has formed a bowling team (is this philately's first?) and is looking for other

stamp club teams to bowl with on Friday evenings. High score man of the team is John P. Oesterling who scored 185 in a recent match.

Buffalo, N. Y.—15th annual exhibition and Stamp Fest of the Buffalo Stamp Club will be held at the Hotel Statler, May 9-10-11. The party will open with the regular Friday evening meeting of the club. A 70 frame exhibit and a bourse of 25 dealers is expected. Bourse Chairman is A. M. Roberts, R. D., Hamburg, N. Y. This is one of the largest annual meetings between Cleveland and New York, writes Adolph Steeg.

Camden, N. J.—Illustrated is the philatelic label design, with patriotic theme, prepared by the Association of South Jersey Stamp Clubs for the Sixth Annual Stamp Exhibition (SOJEX) which will be held May 2-3-4 at the Walt Whitman Hotel, Camden, N. J. The label sells at 10c the first copy, additional copies 5c, and orders with cash (no postage stamps) should be sent E. C. Pratt, P. O. Box 149, Camden, N. J.

Cicero, Ill.—George Drevik has been elected President of the Cicero-Berwyn Philatelic Society and A. L. Estep, Secretary. This club meets on first and third Fridays, place not stated.

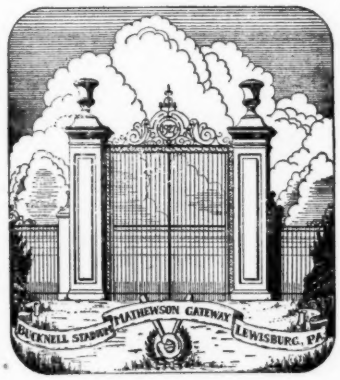
Columbus, Ohio—A copy of the rare 4c 1856 British Guiana on original cover, companion stamp in color and design to world's greatest rarity, will be displayed at the April 19-20 annual exhibition of the Columbus Philatelic Club at the Hotel Chittenden. The stamp is the property of Oscar Schenck, a local collector. Another rare item to be displayed will be a copy of the 10c 1846 Baltimore Postmaster's Provisional, also on cover, which was found by W. F. Weller, Springfield, several years ago. This stamp catalogues $12,500. John S. Campbell, Jr., will display the 1877 Barnesville, Ohio local, he discovered a year or so ago and which was first recognized in last year's edition of the catalogue. The exhibition is free and will feature a bourse of dealers from several states.

Dallas, Texas—A philatelic label souvenir sheet in two attractive color combinations has been prepared by the Dallas Stamp Collectors' Club in connection with the forthcoming 45th annual convention of the Texas Philatelic Assn. May 9-10-11 at the Baker Hotel. The labels commemorate in addition to the convention, the tenth anniversary of the Dallas club and the centenary of the city of Dallas. They may be obtained at 10c per pair plus postage (ten sets for 90c postpaid) of the club at P. O. Box 2795, Dallas. Proceeds will defray expenses in part. E. W. Heusinger of San Antonio who founded the T. P. A. in 1896 will attend the convention. A feature will be the auction May 10, which will include a pair of the 90c 1851, expected to realize several thousand dollars. The T. P. A. is claimed to be the oldest state organization of American philatelists.

***Detroit, Mich.*—The Michigan Stamp Club recently held an election, with Horace F. Hartwell being elected President and John B. Jackson, Secretary. Time and place of meetings is not stated, but this information may probably be obtained of Mr. Hartwell, 2325 Cass Ave. The club endorsed Don R. Heath for A. P. S. Secretary. Mr. Heath has been a member of the A. P. S. since 1910.**

Fargo, N. D.—75 frames of stamps will be displayed at the annual exhibit of the Fargo Philatelic Society, Friday through Sunday, April 18-19-20 at the Y.M.C.A. A luncheon, to which all visitors are welcome, will be served at 1 P. M., Sunday afternoon. Reservations to Miss Mamie Smith, Secretary, 720 Sixth Ave., North. An auction in charge of H. M. Sherwin, Box 26, Fargo, will follow the luncheon, and persons desiring to enter lots should contact him. This club meets regularly at the Y on the first and third Tuesdays at 8:15 P. M. President is Dr. Ralph E. Dunbar; Vice-President, Prof. R. E. Fuglestad.

Lewisburg, Pa.—The philatelic label for the sixth annual exhibit of the West Branch Stamp Club will feature a design including the Christy Mathewson Memorial Gateway



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Madison, Wisc.—The Madison Stamp Club, Madison Coin Club and Four Lakes Poster Stamp Club are holding a joint exhibition April 19 and 20 at the Hotel Loraine. The banquet will be on Saturday evening. Stamps will be displayed in 80 of the exhibition frames. All interested collectors are invited to the affair.

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An explanatory brochure regarding Mr. Knapp, his collection and plans for its disposal has just been issued containing forewords by Hugh M. Clark and Stanley B. Ashbrook. The extent of the vast collection is discussed, and the collector will be impressed by a lithographed full page reproduction of one of the many gems of the collection, an 1860 Pony Express cover addressed to "Hon. Abraham Lincoln, Springfield, Ill." bearing on face and reverse the "running horse" Pony Express markings of San Francisco and St. Joseph.

A large catalogue of the portion of the collection to be offered at the first sales has been prepared, with numerous illustrations and footnotes by the Philatelic Research Laboratories staff. This in itself is such an expensive undertaking that copies will be sold at $1.00 each by subscription, a list of prices realized to be sent to each purchaser upon conclusion of the sale. The catalogue is intended, as Mr. Knapp desired, to be a reference handbook of permanent value and no expense was spared to achieve this object.

An unusual feature of the auction itself, will be the projection of each lot on a screen, so that all present may see each lot.

H. P. O. Requested

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• Total postage sales in Guatemala, for all purposes, during October, 1940 was 24,438 quetzals, of which Q14,284.78 was obtained from sales of ordinary stamps, Q5,440.67 from exterior air mail stamps, Q658.08 from sales of interior airs and Q4,054.69 from postal tax stamps. This is about the average for the country.

Foreign Illustrations in Color

Eugene Klein of Philadelphia calls attention, in reference to our article on page 317, that in a test case in 1938, a Philadelphia judge rendered a decision which decided that illustration in black or color of any foreign stamp in any size without defacement was legal. Mr. Klein says that this decision was not appealed by the federal government with the customary time limit and the decision is therefore valid. However, there has been no considerable use of colored illustrations of foreign stamps by others as it was feared further attempts at prosecution would be made. Colored illustrations have as a result been confined to the non-philatelic press. Colored illustrations of U. S. stamps, still not permissible, are the most frequent violations.

• Sir Spencer Davis, Governor of St. Helena, suggested the design used for the 1½d centenary of colonization series.

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U.S. NOTES

Sometime ago we described a cover with marking "MAILED ON RURAL ROUTE" which resulted in many comments by readers, the ultimate decision being that the marking was accidentally or incorrectly applied. Robert H. Mason, who was Chairman of the Banquet Committee of the Attleboro Stamp and Cover Club's fifth annual banquet last October arranged for an unusual banquet souvenir by obtaining this marking as cancellation on covers placed at banquet tables as favors. A quantity of covers, bearing 2c in postage, addressed care of a box holder on an North Attleboro, Mass. R. F. D. route were mailed on that route by another boxholder, who presumably was a member of the club. The result was that the carrier canceled the stamps with three rubberstamps he had: "MAILED ON RURAL ROUTE" in a single line boxed, "North Attleboro, Mass." in two lines without border, and lastly an impression from an ordinary single-line dater "OCT. 14, 1940." All were applied separately in magenta, tieing stamps to the cover. This, as Mr. Mason (and we too) understand it, was perfectly proper as RFD carriers are required to cancel stamps on mail delivered between patrons on their route—providing they do not pass the post office between receipt and delivery—and the carriers not having special cancellation handstamps, use what ever they have, sometimes employing pen or pencil. An unusual cover, which we are sure the banquet attendants appreciated, especially since the stamps used were a pair of the green 1c Eli Whitney.

A very crude forgery of the 2c Black Jack (No. 73) is described in the March Emco Monthly Journal of the Marks Stamp Co. Easiest way to tell it is by the lack of shading lines in the background of the lettering.

The photograph of the Vermont State Capitol used on the recent commemorative was one taken by the late Clifton Adams, staff photographer of the National Geographic Society. Alvin R. Meissner designed the stamp. Carl T. Arlt engraved the vignette on the original die and James T. Vail the frame and lettering.

The House of Representatives has approved a postal budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1 which if agreed to by the Senate will eliminate the bicolored 6c air mail stamp and possibly the 16c Airmail Special Delivery as well. Stamps printed in two colors cost a great deal more than those printed in single colors and the production of the large quantities of 6c bicolored cost the government a good many more thousand dollars each year than if the stamp were printed in a single color. The 16c and the bicolored Presidential dollar values may be continued though, since such comparatively small quantities are required as not to increase postal costs as much as the 6c which enjoys an extensive use. At the same time, postal officials are considering an entire new air series ranging from 6c to $1. These however are not necessary, unless they should be issued in denominations not found in the regular issue. Production of Defense tax and savings stamps and securities may keep this year's new issues down, due to necessity of the former.

A slash in the budget for the Division of Stamps has been approved by the House committee, with the result this division will find itself lacking the funds with which to pay salaries of the Philatelic Agency staff. The Senate has not yet approved the cut. $65,000 of the present $70,000 annual pay is to be eliminated! Which will practically abolish the Agency.

In his April 2nd auction, Philip Ward, Jr., of Philadelphia offers the only known cover bearing the 5c 1847 used in California. The cover has a pair of the

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All 64 possible combinations exist of the 16c Air Mail Special Delivery stamp plate numbers. As mentioned on page 307 (March 15) there are eight frame (blue) plates of two panes each (one pane having F plate number) and four center plates each having a red F plate number. Dr. Henry L. Holzberg, of San Francisco advises that he has all 64 possible combinations: each red plate number in combination with both panes of the blue numbers.

The design, writes James Waldo Fawcett in the *Washington Star*, of the 3c Coronado originally was a mural decoration in a motion picture theater. When the building was converted to a garage, the new owner passed it along to a hotel proprietor who when the Cuarto Centennial approached, contacted a state publicity agent who in turn directed attention of postal officials to it.

James Waldo Fawcett retails the latest Post Office Department gossip concerning possible new issues in his March 23 *Washington Star* column. These include "a so-called 'home defense' set, glorifying Social Security, C. C. C., W. P. A. and other Federal experiments in paternalism." Sounds as if first day cover collectors will soon be busy again.

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We learn from Postmaster Thomas Butler of Miles City, Montana that he was "deluged" with orders after we mentioned his having 900 5c winged globe airmails in stock. The entire supply was gone within four days after the news item appeared. LINN'S sells the Stamps!

• When the new post office is dedicated April 15th at Orlando, Fla., the Orlando Philatelic Society will cachet all covers sent them under cover for mailing on that date. Send covers, addressed and stamped, to H. Leeds Anwyll, Chachet Director, P. O. Box 2112, Orlando. The postmaster will autograph covers if request is made for same.

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• After printing 450,000 Postal Tax stamps with date "1940" and 2,400,00 with date "1941" the latter part of December, Guatemala postal officials had the overprinting plates destroyed in their presence. 67 100-subject overprinting plates were prepared for the printing, which was completed in six days during the latter part of November.

• High value British stamps are often used on parcel post to prepay customs fees, the cancellations being the usual postal cancels.

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A LITTLE ITEM IN THE ANNUAL REport of the P. O. Dept.'s financial condition intrigues us. Under "unavailable cash assets" is found the sum of $31,277.06 which was on deposit at New Orleans, Savannah, Galveston and Little Rock in 1861. Presumably the Confederates made off with the boodle in an 1861 version of a lease-lend act and the Post Office Dept. is still waiting for repayment, though not apparently with any hope. By now the interest alone should pay for a sumptious postal palace at each town—or has it?

WHEN THEY MISSENT AIRMAIL FROM Minneapolis, Minn., they really sent it far astray. Fred Hatton, Jr., shows us a cover from that city addressed to Columbus, Ohio and backstamped at Cristobal, Canal Zone with explanatory "Missent to Cristobal, C. Z." on face of cover.

"WHY CAN'T I HAVE ONE TO MAIL this letter?" asks the lady of the house of her husband (busy poring over an album), in a March 10, The Sporting Thing cartoon in the *Syracuse Post-Standard*. An old, old question in philatelic households.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ACcused so frequently of being in the stamp business that we'll have to admit we weren't greatly surprised to read in a recent issue of the Postal Bulletin that stamp albums were to be issued to postmasters with the new Postal Savings stamps. A free pack of hinges with each and every purchase of a $5 stamp.

ANOTHER RADIO PROGRAM. PARKER Haydon of Berkeley, Calif. writes that the Old Stamps program out there has been heard weekly for six years. Next!

RAY CITY, GA. IS THE PLACE OF residence says James Waldo Fawcett in the Wash. Star of some optimist who recently wrote the Post Office Department thusly: "Will you please write me and tell me where I can get some 1918 24-cent airmail stamps, face value, with the picture of the airplane inverted on them?" What, no plate number too???

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The Forum

Linn's Weekly Stamp News,
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Gentlemen:

I was interested in your paragraph on the first page of the March 22nd issue relating to Kodapak, etc. In the course of my work I have had occasion to investigate many of these transparent sheeting materials and I have found that most people cannot distinguish between them.

Moisture proof Cellophane can be distinguished from plain Cellophane by placing it between the teeth or lips. The plain variety will stick to the teeth. Or the moisture on the lips will cause it to wrinkle. Moisture proof Cellophane is not affected by moisture on the teeth or lips.

There are several varieties of transparent wrapping materials which you might be interested in having defined.

Cellulose acetate is manufactured and marketed by two companies; the Celluloid Co., Newark, N. J., who make Lumarith Protectoid; and the Eastman Co., at Rochester, N. Y., who make Kodapak.

Cellophane is the trade name of the Dupont Co. for regenerated cellulose, (not the acetate.) It is also marketed under a license by the Sylvania Co., of Fredericksburg, Va., under the name of Sylphwrap. There may be other, smaller licensees, but these are the two largest sources.

Another cellulose derivative manufactured in transparent sheet form is ethyl cellulose, a product of the Dow Co., Midland, Mich.

Your paragraph on Pliofilm is quite correct.

A new transparent wrapping material recently put on the market is the B. F. Goodrich Co.'s Koroseal, an entirely synthetic material and unlike any of the others, chemically.

Glassine has been rendered moisture proof and transparent by the use of suitable lacquers and may be obtained from the Transpara division of the Rhinelander Paper Co., Rhinelander, Wis., or from the Reigel Paper Co., Milford, N. J.

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267*	.18
238B*	.12
238F*	.22
238I*	.25
224A*	.06
226A*	.06
227A*	.06
B1	.35
B3	.12
B4	.18
B5	.35
B6	.05
B7	.07
B8	.08
B9	.07
B10	.08
C1	.50
C2*	1.50
C3	.50
C4	1.25
C5	1.30
C10	.43
Q1	.30
Q2	.10
Q3	1.40
Q3*	1.45
Q4	.60
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Q6	.18
Q7*	3.25
Q8	.23
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Q10	3.20
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O20*	.30
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O24	.12

SETS

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Those Missing "F" Plate Numbers

We are receiving reports from other readers of 6c bicolored air mail stamps having the plate number without the "F" and it appears there is a misunderstanding regarding the method of printing and size of plates for these stamps. The stamps are printed from two plates, one of 100-subject (including a left pane of 50 subjects and a right pane of same size) containing only the frame portions of the design. The central portion of the design of these stamps is printed from 50-subject plates having one plate number, and this may or may not have the "F" with the number. Before the centers are printed, the sheets containing only the frame design are cut in half and then the centers are printed. This procedure is necessary to obtain a bettter percentage of good registration in printing the centers, as attempts to print all 100 centers at one time were not successful due to wastage of many panes which was caused by an uncontrollable and variable shrinking of the paper which must be dampened before each color is printed.

What makes confusion in trying to classify the plate numbers and positions of this stamp is that the "F" has not appeared where it did on previous similar issues. Red (center or vignette) plates in numbers running up to and including 21902 are always preceded by an F before the plate number. But plates commencing with 21903 and running through 22200 lack the F. The plates lacking the F are Electrolytic plates, made by a different process than usual, and that accounts for their lacking the F.

The frame plates are similarly confusing. The blue plate number with F is found on left panes of plates starting with 21835 and including 21858, the right panes of these plates lacking the F. On plates numbered commencing with 21948 and running through 22191 (with exception of 22186) we find just the opposite, the F appearing with the plate number on the right panes, except that neither left or right pane of 22186 has an F number.

According to the Bureau Issues Association's reports, a number of plates have not yet been used, and indications are that these will again show changes in position of the F.

The 16c Airmail Special Delivery bicolored stamp has been printed from same size plates as the 6c air mail, but fortunately for plate number collectors with a degree of uniformity. All the frame plates have but one F position and all center plates have the F.

Auction Calendar

April 8-9—General foreign, etc. H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32-34 E. 57th St., New York, City.

April 10—U. S., including wholesale lots. Wakonda Stamp Co., Dept. 52, P. O. Box 1792, Denver, Colo.

April 11—Mail sale, including airmails. The Stamp Studio, P. O. Box 11, Station W, New York, N. Y.

April 15—U. S. and foreign. Sosmos Stamp Co., 116L Nassau St., New York City.

April 18—U. S. Sale. Wakonda Stamp Co., P. O. Box 1792, Dept. 52, Denver, Colo.

April 19—U. S. and Possessions. Uptown Stamp Co., 140 W. 42nd St., New York City.

April 24-25-26—Laidlaw General Collection of unused. Hugh C. Barr, Inc., 38 Park Row, New York City.

April 28-29—U. S. Proofs, essays, foreign. H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32-34 E. 57th St., New York City.

May 5 to 10—The Edward S. Knapp Collection of U. S. Parke-Bernet Galleries, Inc., 30 E. 57th St., New York City.

May 15—U. S. Sale. Wakonda Stamp Co., Box 1792, Dept. 52, Denver, Colo.

* The stamps of Nepal are inscribed in characters of the Devanagri language.

What They Say

"The outstanding criticism I desire to make of the 'expert' is their reticence to say, 'I don't know 'when asked their opinion on something they do not know."—Spencer Anderson in his Bulletin.

"And to chop three figures out of a fairly large painting which depends as much on color as on design for its effect, and print a ghost of this fragment on a stamp, does little honor to Botticelli or to the Pan American Union."—Deoch Fulton in Scott's Monthly Journal ("Design and Postage Stamps," February).

"We do not believe they issued them purely to raise revenue from collectors; our opinion is that they continue to issue them purely from inertia . . ." —South African Philatelist re the Union's new 5 and 10 shilling officials.

"An attempt is being made, it would appear, to stick the Axis together with a postage stamp."—Stamp Collecting, London, upon appearance of the Axis issue.

". . . the issue of British War stamps would undoubtedly have an enormous psychological effect, and that is in America where they would be certain to bring added stimulus to the Aid for Britain movement. . . ." —Stamp Collecting, London, Feb. 1.

"The British chortle this will give them an opportunity to 'lick' both dictators at once. . . ."—The Suburbanite upon the new Axis issues.

Petion and Bolivar

The March *Bulletin* of the Pan American Union contains an article on the relationship between Alexandre Petion, first President of Haiti and Simon Bolivar, which should prove interesting backbround reading for collectors of stamps of Haiti and South America.

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S. P. A. Service Booklet

The Committee on Branches of the S. P. A. has just issued a loose-leaf "Service Booklet" which is intended to aid and inform the various branches on the services available to them in the national society. Presented in folder form, new pages may be added easily as issued. A page or more is devoted to explanation of each service offered the branches such as: Exhibits, Movies, Lantern Slides, Research Awards, Speakers Bureau, Sales, Precancel, Exchange and Cover Departments, Exhibition Adviser, Promotional Secretary. Details are given just how each branch may avail itself of each service and it is expected that the branches will be materially aided in building new interest in their meetings. The booklet was compiled by Fred C. Wilharm, Chairman of the committee, with an editorial staff composed of J. Edward Vining (President), Henry A. Meyer and James W. Shaver.

• Denmark's tete beche and se tenant pairs were the result of the postal service selling advertising space in stamp booklets and including the ads among the stamps. The practice was discontinued about 1935 and since that time ads are sold only for location on the covers of the booklets.

• There were more United States post offices in 1901 than in any year before or since. The 76,945 post offices then in existence have declined to the present total of slightly more than 44,000.

Bolivar Commemoratives Planned

The Union Filatelica Venezolana has appointed a committee to negotiate with the proper authorities for issuance of a series of twelve stamps with total face value of five bolivares to commemorate the centenary of the return of the ashes of the Liberator, Simon Bolivar, to Caracas, which was accomplished on December 17 (his birthday) 1842. The series to depict scenes in his life.

New Issues Promptly

The editors express their appreciation to The Stamp Mart, of New York City for supplying specimens of new issues for examination and recording in our New Issues column. This firm obtains promptly all new issues, those issues being their specialty.

• The first printing of Bahamas 3d on 2½ provisional to meet increase in postage rates, comprised 24,000 stamps, according to the *Nassau Daily Tribune.*

• Jose Ballivian, depicted on Bolivian stamps in addition to being President of that country in the 1840's and defeating a Peruvian invasion in 1841, won lasting fame as the Bolivian representative to the postal convention held at Lima as part of an American Congress in 1848. Five countries joined the pact.

Cracked Plate

In stamps printed by the intaglio, or recess engraving method, irregular lines in the color of the stamp are occasionally found. These are indications in most instances of a crack in the plate. The crack fills with ink, just like the other recesses of the plate, and prints

just as if it were an intentional line in the design. These occurred oftenest in early issues and are rarely found on modern ones. Illustrated is a cracked plate variety found on the 1c 1851 design stamp. On some Civil War revenues, even larger cracks are known and extend an inch or more. Often mistaken for cracks and other plate defects are white spaces where there should be color. These are caused simply by a lack of ink. A crack in a stamp that is *typographed* would show as a white line, since only the raised portion of the design prints and any gap caused by a crack would appear white on the printed stamp.

• The Canal Zone Postal Service under Act of Congress is required to be governed except as otherwise provided, by the laws, rules, regulations and conventions of the U. S. Postal Service and by such additional regulations as the Governor of the Canal Zone determines.

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A Record of New Issues

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ST2—$20. bright green (Wm. M. Meredith)

(Scotts Monthly Journal)

LUXEMBURG—Semi-Postals. Set of German semi-postals, chronicled by us December 28, 1940, and illustrated on the front of our issue of January 4th, has been overprinted in black in one line across the bottom, just above the words Deutsches Reich, "LUXEMBURG." Overprint is in old English style of type:

3pf. plus 2pf. deep brown
4pf. plus 3pf. slate blue
5pf. plus 3pf. emerald green
6pf. plus 4pf. olive green
8pf. plus 4pf. deep orange

—Illustration courtesy J. Chas. Baxter of Columbus Citizen

UNITED STATES — Documentary Revenue Stamps. Additional values in the set of new designs, chronicled by us March 15th, overprinted in small type, in black, "Series 1940". First two values are 21½ x36¼ mm. others 28½x42mm.:

R24—$5.00 carmine (G. M. Bibb)
R24—$10.00 carmine (R. J. Walker)
R24—$30.00 carmine (T. Corwin)
R24—$60.00 carmine (H. Cobb)
R24—$100.00 carmine (P. F. Thomas)
R24—$500.00 carmine (J. A. Dix)
R24—$1,000.00 carmine (S. P. Chase)

Stock Transfer Revenue Stamps. New Designs, engraved, perf. 11. wmkd.. "U. S. I. R." in double-lined letters, overprinted in black same as above "Series 1940." Cent values are 19x22mm., while dollar values are 21½x36¼ mm:

ST—5c bright green (G .W. Campbell)
ST1—50c bright green (Wm. J. Duane)
ST1—80c bright green (R. B. Taney)
ST2—$1. bright green (Levi Woodbury)
ST2—$2. bright green (Thomas Ewing)
ST2—$3. bright green (Walter Forward)
ST2—$5. bright green (G. M. Bibb)

12pf. plus 6pf. rose carmine
15pf. plus 10pf. sepia
25pf. plus 15pf. ultramarine
40pf, plus 35pf. plum

(The Stamp Mart)

PAPUA—Air Post Stamp. To meet the increase in air mail postage, the under-noted has been issued:

AP2—1sh6p. olive-green (King George VI)

Whitfield, King & Co.)

SALVADOR—First Centenary of the Founding of the University of Salvador Commemoratives. Horizontal rectangular format, numerals of value in lower right corner, central portion shows the Main University Building. Portraits are in the upper left and right corners of the central design as noted below:

20c. green & red (Dr. Juan Lindo and General Francisco Malespin)
40c. blue & ochre (Dr. Narcisco Monterey and Procer Antonio Jose Canas)
60c. violet & brown (Dr. Isidro Menendez and Dr. Cristano Salazar)
80c. red-brown & olive (same as 40c.)
1Col. gray & orange (same as 60c.)
2Col. yellow & violet (same as 20c.)

(The New York Times)

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O37	.28	O83	.39	O121	.12
O38	.33	O85	.25	O122	2.85
O49	.05	O86	.30	O123	.90
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23a	1p	carmine	.50
23b	1p	orange red	.50
25	4p	blue	.75
26	6p	lilac	.65
26a	6p	red lilac	2.50
27	6p	slate blue	.65
28	1sh	vermillion	.75
30	2p	yellow green	2.50
31	4p	blue	.50
33	6p	slate blue	2.50
34	1sh	vermillion	.50
50	4p	blue	6.50
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BROADWAY Chatter

A small shipment of the provisional from Fiji reached the city this week, and was distributed at fair prices to the trade. This stamp is an overprinted 2½ on 2d. Supplies lasted 48 hours.

By order of Hugh Clark, President of Scott Publications Inc., excess material from the famous Luff "reference" collection will go under the hammer. This material will be sold by Harmer, Rooke & Co., late in May.

Collectors who claim that the U. S. Bureau of Engraving are the only ones who can print off centered stamps, should examine the Turkish Centennial issue which arrived some time ago. A few dealers in the city who were fortunate to get a few centered sets are charging double for these.

With the sale of Elliott Walton, Inc., the New York market and the rest of the dealers throughout the country, are losing one of the best wholesalers. Walton was not liked by the "chiselers" in the trade because he had one price for all and saw to it that his regular customers always received merchandise.

Ohlman Appointed Director

Max Ohlman has been appointed Regional Director for the District of New York by the S. P. A. The new director promptly issued a call for a meeting of the present branches in the district to discuss formation of additional branches in the area. The meeting will be held April 16 at 4 P. M. at the Ohlman Galleries, 116 Nassau St., New York. All interested collectors are welcome, the veteran auction house manager states.

• New naval offices ordered established include Headquarters, Eighth Naval District New Orleans, La.; U. S. S. Grayling and U. S. S. Ludlow.

• In only 14 years in the past hundred years of operation has the U. S. postal service ended the year with a surplus, the last and highest being that of 1919 which amounted to $73,734,851.00.

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Liechtenstein

Scott's Nos. 54 to 61

The perforation designations at the head of this set of stamps as listed in Scott's Catalogue are somewhat confusing. Inasmuch as there is renewed interest in the stamps of this country at this time, resulting in the making of specialized collections of its stamps, we believe it will be of interest to our readers to have this matter clarified for them.

Through the assistance of Mr. Walter P. Feldheim, of the Atlantic Company, New York City, a former resident of Liechtenstein, we are able to give our readers more accurate data than that given by their stamp catalogue.

First of all #54 does not officially exist perforate 12½, though the listing as given in the catalog would lead the collector to think so.

Second there are only TWO different groups of perforations on this set:

1.-Perforate 12½ on all four sides (Nos. 55 to 61 inclusive)
2.-Perforate 9½ to 9¾ to 10 (Nos. 54 to 61 inclusive)

It makes no difference whether the perforations measure 9½, 9¾ or 10, just so they do not measure 12½; the stamps are to be classed as one and the same set and those measuring 12½ as the other set. Thus, one set will consist of Nos. 54, 55a., 56a., 57a., 58a., 59, 60a. and 61a. The other set will be Nos. 55, 56, 57, 58, 59a., 60 and 61.

All European as well as certain specialized catalogs of the stamps of this country list only two perforations—9½ and 12½, but mention that there were two different perforating machines for 9½ in use at that time so that slight differences in perforation measurements might exist, thus accounting for the possible 9¾ and 10 measurements.

Mr. Feldheim also advises that there exist compound perforations 9½ to 12½ for #54 to 61, as well as #54 in the 12½ perf., but as they have never been sold over any post office counter, are not recognized in any catalog and are of problematic value.

Leeward Islands Base Office

On April 1 it was intended that a branch post of the New York City post office would be established at St. Lucia with the following designation "Marine Detachment, St. Lucia, Leeward Islands, Branch, New York, N. Y." The office will be for use of men engaged in location of a naval base.

Bisect in Mixture

Mixtures have been target of much criticism, but Joe Veltri of the Brooklyn Edison Co. will not likely be found in sympathy with the critics; for Joe in a mixture purchased from a Canadian concern (PABEC, the bulletin on the Brooklyn Edison Club does not state which one) found a piece of a cover bearing a 2c 1862 Black Jack and a diagonal bisect of the same stamp, neatly tied with town cancellation. This bisect, the result of attempts to meet the 3-cent letter rate of the '60's by using 2c stamps, is catalogued at $500.

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Argentine Aviation Label

Airpost collectors are indebted to Ralph A. Kimble, Editor of the American Philatelist for an informative article in the February number of that magazine on the 1912 Argentine Aviation Propaganda Label. The label, a colorful affair inscribed at top "REPUBLICA ARGENTINA" and at bottom "PRO-AVIACION MILITAR 1912" and denomination of 5 centavos, has in the center the Argentine flag. Due to lack of information in catalogues, it has been mistaken for a valuable postage stamp at times, while actually it has never paid postage, or been required to be used on any mail. The label was used and issued, just like our Christmas Seals, it being optional if one cared to affix copies to mail. It was intended to raise funds to buy Argentine military planes. The funds and preparation of the labels were under direction of a committee of private citizens. The labels were sold at the Argentine post offices for 5c each during a period of several months and that postal service to further aid the scheme permitted purchasers to place them on mail matter during the same period. The same practice is followed by various foreign postal establishments in regard to present day Christmas Seals which have no franking power. The label, off cover, whether used or unused, has a value ranging from about 12c to 48c (U. S.) in the Argentine, as large numbers are available.

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* Camp Grant, Ill., opened its post office on March 17 and an appropriate green first day cachet was applied to covers, one of which has been sent in by Van Denberg & Son of Rockford.

* The importance of interior air mail service to Guatemala may be seen by the fact that one remote postal district regularly reports sales of air mail stamps to an amount more than double the sales of ordinary stamps.

Adam Gruenig sends some pieces of wrappers from packages delivered by a delivery service, bearing combinations of labels with denomination in large figures. These are used by a number of such delivery services, the labels being sold in advance to their customers and affixed to parcels as needed. They are not postage stamps. Railroads use similar labels on packages of newspapers, selling them in advance to publishers.

"What is it" asks a reader who submits an envelope which had enclosed a circular from a firm at Floral Park, N. Y. The cancellation is entirely on the stamp, being some wavy lines above and below "N. Y. (1)." Its a precancel; what is termed "provisional precancel" by precancel collectors. The wavy lines and rest of the cancel are part of a roller parcel post cancel which was used at this post office to precancel stamps by simply rolling the device across unused sheets of stamps. The full inscription would be of course, "Floral Park, N. Y. (1)"—the figure being number of that particular roller device or of clerk using it. These precancels are quite common and because they can not be distinguished once off cover from any other stamps used on parcel post, precancel collectors generally ignore them. They are not catalogued.

"Where can I get a stamp of ------ expertised?" is an occasional inquiry made of this column. Sometimes we can tell them of some qualified specialist;! other times not. If you can expertise stamps of any particular issue or country, send your name and address to us and we'll place this information in a file. Whether you charge a fee or not for your service will be a matter between you and the collector desiring the service. We'll simply refer them to you.

Auction Reports

H. R. Harmer submits a few prices realized at his March 10-11 auction, which featured the "Rosevear" collection of Falklands. The 4d of the first issue in fine used pair brought $18.50; two Specimen copies, 1/-1878-79 and 1d 1866 $27; covers and pieces with up to five copies of the 1891 bisect brought as high as $102 per item: including $36 for two on cover, $76 for five on cover and a single with unlisted double inverted overprint on piece for $91; a 1928 South Georgia 2½d on 2d provisional used on piece, $31; and a 1d War Tax 1918 with double overprint unused $35. In the same sale a 90c U. S. 1861, described as perfectly centered brought $13.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Though our space is limited, if auctioneers will send priced catalogues of their sales, we shall quote such realizations as space permits.

By Kenneth M. Gierhart

Baltimore, Ohio

FROM HERE AND THERE.

J. L. Jones used a 1c Defense from Greer, S. C. on his recent auction list. The type was similar to U-14. In fact it seems to be between U-14 and 15. It no doubt is a home made plate. We wonder how long it will last.-----Are you among those who don't want any bureaus that are edge stamps. No matter how well centered etc. if the bar ends on the stamp you don't want it??? Well, thats your privilege in the good old U.S.A.; you can or you don't need to.-----The color of the ½c and 6c Presidentials are almost identical and the ½c Presidential is almost non-existent in the small post offices even today where it is likely that they may get on parcel post and cause confusion. Plenty sure for the 1c circular rate where there is no chance of them being used on packages. Or am I just imagining things? I'll go further and predict that the color of the ½c Presidential will be changed in not the too distant future. Yes, I think they are actually holding back the ½c Presidentials because of the color similarity and are either printng more Hales except in the case of bureaus, or they had a mighty large stock of Hales on hand a couple years ago.-----WHAT CHEER, No this is not a Quaker Christmas salutation but a little place near Keokuk, Iowa. I came by a 1c Presidential from this place in a strange manner but nevertheless I have it. The type is U-121.-----One of our readers tells me he is very much interested in the old time revenue precancels especially the Battleship types of the Spanish war. Write me and I will give you his address.-----Have the Norfolk, Va., and Bloomington, Ill., 1c Defense Bureaus.-----The Double Line Catalog is promised for May. It will help the publishers, Hoover Bros., if you send them your order early.

COMBINATION TYPE.

We have mentioned before that some new hand electro types are appearing with U-121 town name and U-120 state name or in a few instances vice-versa. The catalog publishers suggest we designate these in this manner U-121-20. If the town name was in U-120 then of course it would be the other way around.

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* During the last fiscal year 274 carloads of postal cards were shipped to post offices from the Government Printing Office.

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